

I find that H.R. 4986, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008, satisfies the conditions of the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and wounded servicemembers. Therefore, pursuant to section 302, I am adjusting the aggregates in the 2008 budget resolution, as well as the allocation provided to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

I ask unanimous consent that the following revisions to S. Con. Res. 21 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—S. CON. RES. 21; FURTHER REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR VETERANS AND WOUNDED SERVICEMEMBERS**

(In billions of dollars)

Section 101	
(1)(A) Federal Revenues:	
FY 2007 .....	1,900.340
FY 2008 .....	2,025.853
FY 2009 .....	2,122.272
FY 2010 .....	2,176.581
FY 2011 .....	2,357.845
FY 2012 .....	2,500.246
(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:	
FY 2007 .....	-4.366
FY 2008 .....	-24.943
FY 2009 .....	15.346
FY 2010 .....	12.860
FY 2011 .....	-36.705
FY 2012 .....	-96.850
(2) New Budget Authority:	
FY 2007 .....	2,371.470
FY 2008 .....	2,512.558
FY 2009 .....	2,527.441
FY 2010 .....	2,581.501
FY 2011 .....	2,696.692
FY 2012 .....	2,736.438
(3) Budget Outlays:	
FY 2007 .....	2,294.862
FY 2008 .....	2,476.425
FY 2009 .....	2,574.227
FY 2010 .....	2,609.365
FY 2011 .....	2,702.029
FY 2012 .....	2,715.194

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Current Allocation to Senate Armed Services Committee:	
FY 2007 Budget Authority .....	98,717
FY 2007 Outlays .....	98,252
FY 2008 Budget Authority .....	102,125
FY 2008 Outlays .....	102,153
FY 2008–2012 Budget Authority .....	546,992
FY 2008–2012 Outlays .....	546,679
Adjustments:	
FY 2007 Budget Authority .....	0
FY 2007 Outlays .....	0
FY 2008 Budget Authority .....	-6
FY 2008 Outlays .....	-31
FY 2008–2012 Budget Authority .....	271
FY 2008–2012 Outlays .....	-17
Revised Allocation to Senate Armed Services Committee:	
FY 2007 Budget Authority .....	98,717
FY 2007 Outlays .....	98,252
FY 2008 Budget Authority .....	102,119
FY 2008 Outlays .....	102,122
FY 2008–2012 Budget Authority .....	547,263
FY 2008–2012 Outlays .....	546,662

**HONORING SENATOR TRENT LOTT**

Mr. LUGAR. I join my Senate colleagues in expressing our confidence that many wonderful adventures lie before our friend, Trent Lott, and his family, even as we are saddened by his plans to leave the Senate.

Tributes to Trent will include praise of his extraordinary leadership abilities, his thoughtfulness for others, his physical strength and endurance during long sessions of work, his even temper and good humor, and even his vocal performance talents.

But Senate “insiders” will usually turn to the concept of “Trent the Vote-Counter” in an attempt to identify how and why our friend succeeded on so many occasions while many colleagues did not fare so well. I would not suggest for a moment that Trent lacked any counting ability, but I would suggest that a search for his crystal ball misses a major point. Trent was successful because he convinced people that they should support him and demonstrate that support by voting for him.

Long before he announced his interest in elective office or commenced “herding cats” on the House or Senate floors, Trent studied the Congress with the benefit of his able mentors, and he learned the fundamentals of how they had gained election in his home State of Mississippi. Trent learned that long before any vote-counting commenced, the fundamental task was to win hearts, minds, and trust of individual voters, and that requires evaluation of interests, the best arguments delivered in the most appropriate language with the best selection of time and place, and the steady development of trust.

We watched Trent win elections in Mississippi, from afar, but we have witnessed his House and Senate leadership races up close. He faced strong and able opposition. He was a graceful winner. He fulfilled all expectations and promises, and we know he will continue to do so.

Trent, I thank you for loyal friendship, personal encouragement, and the times we have enjoyed great experiences, together. I pray for your continuing good health and vitality which will make possible the enjoyment of your loving family and your service to others.

**HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES**

STAFF SERGEANT SEAN M. GAUL

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I salute a great American hero who has fallen in service to his country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Army SSG Sean M. Gaul gave his life on January 9, 2008, after sustaining wounds when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was on patrol in Sinsil, Iraq, in the Diyala Province. He was serving his fifth deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. His loyalty and bravery will be remembered. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sean's family and friends, especially to his wife Jessica and their young daughter, his mother Christine, and his father Michael.

Sean Gaul lived in Cresco, IA, with his parents until the age of 7. He then moved to Reno, NV, with his mother. He attended Reed High School, where

he was a member of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. In 1997, he passed the GED exam. He was first deployed to Afghanistan shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Before deploying for the final time, he completed the Army's sniper school.

Staff Sergeant Gaul's wife Jessica called him a “very good man and loving husband.” She said, “He did not waiver from his responsibility. He always trained hard as he led the way by example. He was focused and determined as he sought out more special forces training.” Again, my sincerest condolences go to his family and friends. I ask my colleagues here in the Senate and all Americans to remember with gratitude and appreciation a fine man and an exemplary soldier, Army SSG Sean M. Gaul.

**RECOGNIZING THE SAFE COALITION**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, early in 2007 I met with a distinguished group of American business leaders and retired military officers who had formed an organization called Securing America's Future Energy, SAFE, Coalition for the purpose of improving our country's energy security.

This organization was comprised of a high level group of business and retired military leaders led by Federal Express CEO Fred Smith, and retired Marine GEN P.X. Kelley. They understood that our country's continued dependence on foreign oil coming from troubled parts of the world holds our entire economy hostage to events that are outside of our control. They knew that our energy security relates to both economic security and our national security and they wanted to do something about it.

Their organization worked to develop a specific, aggressive plan that would reduce our dependence on foreign oil and reduce the intensity of oil use.

Specifically, the plan called for an increase in vehicle efficiency through more aggressive CAFE standards. It also called for additional energy production here at home, both renewable and fossil energy, a much greater emphasis on conservation, and new and innovative ways to make more efficient use of our energy.

Following our meeting I decided to take the lead in sponsoring legislation to implement the bulk of the SAFE Coalition's plan because I believed it was the best combination of approaches to begin solving our problem of excessive dependence on foreign oil.

By the end of 2007 I am pleased to say that a substantial portion of that legislation which was recommended by the SAFE Coalition is now law. For the first time in over 34 years, Congress finally increased CAFE standards that require a 10-mile-per-gallon increase over 10 years. It applies to both automobiles and trucks and does it in a way that does not penalize large vehicles. But it requires all vehicles to meet greater efficiency standards.